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Kristin Beck jump started a slow Lady Plainsmen offense with three three-pointers and Perkins County survived a late Maxwell onslaught to win their opening game of the Perkins County Booster Club Holiday Tournament Thursday night in Grant, 53-49.

Beck's long shots helped her team climb out of a six-point hole and contributed to a 21-point second quarter that sent the Lady Plainsmen to halftime ahead 25-19.

The senior point guard Beck hit a fourth three pointer in the third quarter, helping pad Perkins County's lead to a comfortable 16 points.

Forward Kalyn Calhoun's 10 fourth quarter points cut deeply into the Lady Wildcats' deficit, however, eroding it to just three points (50-47) with 17 seconds left.

Calhoun drove to the basket repeatedly, banging shots in and scoring four points from the foul line in five visits.

Tanya Metcalf hit two free throws in the final seconds, and Beck ran her point total to 13 with a free throw to secure the Lady Plainsmen victory.

Metcalf scored 12 herself, including a nifty left-handed shot after an interception and half-court run to the basket.

Jessi Hoffert led the Lady Plainsmen in points with 14, hitting a three pointer and four important fourth quarter free throws.

Maxwell forward Madison Elliot opened the game with a barrage of close baskets and led all scorers with 17 points.

The Lady Wildcats jumped out to a 12-4 lead early in the first quarter and looked capable of avenging their 25-point blowout loss on the same floor earlier in the month.

Hoffert's triple broke a 16-16 second quarter tie and gave her an opportunity for the first five-point play in recorded basketball history. The player guarding her sent Hoffert toward the front row after the shot, sending the sophomore guard to the line. Hoffert cashed the front end of a one-and-one to take four of the five possible points.

Perkins Co. vs Maxwell

Maxwell	10	9	6	24—49
Perkins Co.	4	21	14	14—53